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Wedding Bells at Camp Serenity

EDITORIAL

## THE SEED OF BEGINNING

**As the sun set** in the beautiful mountains of Mendocino, the hearts of all who attended California's First Annual Spiritualist Sunrise Service were filled with the spirit of joy and love.

**This day, March 29th** marked the beginning of a sunrise service to be held each year at Camp Serenity. With the faith and fortitude of the smallest acorn the oak of endeavour was planted in the fertile soil of California Spiritualism.

**The growth of a seed,** be it plant, animal or man, reveals the wonder of God's laws working in perfect harmony, bearing the harvest of fruit according to the law of merit.

**With the spirit of humility and gratitude,** the board of directors of Camp Serenity express their sincere appreciation to the many friends and members seen and unseen who made possible this glorious day.

**The serene and sacred vibrations** of Camp Serenities Chapel of Awareness was the perfect setting for the spiritual uniting of Mr. & Mrs. Karl Schmitz, with Rev. William C. Donovan officiating. This beautiful wedding, being the second to be held in the Chapel on the hill, brought fond memories of July 4th 1969 when Mr. & Mrs. Ed Wood were united in holy matrimony, with the Rev. Clyde Dibble officiating.

**Mr. Schmitz was one** of the many who helped build the Chapel of Awareness and how appropriate that an event so important in his life should take place in the Chapel which holds such deep meaning for him.

**With the everlasting light** of Spiritualism's understanding of life, Camp Serenity continues to serve the needs of all who seek the love and joy of nature's haven in the mountains.

## Spiritualism: The Religion of Self-Culture

**By Rev. H. Gordon Burroughs**

**Spiritualists believe** in an Infinite Intelligence as the only Intelligence; the oneness of God, the only Presence; Truth, the only Law; Eternal Life, the only Life; Everpresent Eternity, the only Time; Love, the only Power as it manifests through Infinite Intelligence.

**Spiritualism answers** all the perplexing questions of life. To those who accept its teachings, it points the way to that high state of consciousness in which man finds and recognizes his at-one-ment with Infinite Intelligence. It enables the seeker after truth to realize that man is a soul now, animated by spirit, a dweller in ever-present eternity, and that he is co-eternal with God, occupying a physical body through which he manifests on the earth plane. Man is not going to eternity after the change called death; he is living in eternity now.

**Spiritualism teaches** that death is but one of the countless changes going on in the manifestation of Infinite Intelligence; it is not something for man to dread or fear but to look forward to with anticipation. Man, being spirit, is indestructible and continues throughout eternity with personal identity and individuality preserved intact. Spiritualism teaches that we are individual souls animated by Spirit now, possessing a physical body.

**In the spirit realm** man continues his personal existence, social relations and activities with means of communication corresponding to those of the physical realm. So it is that through these permanent spiritual powers the departed ones hold converse and maintain still higher perfection in the social relations and activities of the spirit world. The difference in their activity and expression there and here is that they are released from the body and have a freedom of action on the plane on which they are functioning in the spirit world.

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## Declaration of Principles N.S.A.C.

**WE BELIEVE IN INFINITE INTELLIGENCE**

By this we express our belief in a supreme Impersonal Power, everywhere present, manifesting as life, through all forms of organized matter, called by some, God, by others, Spirit and by Spiritualists, Infinite Intelligence.

## The Twenty-Third Psalm

By Louise Bird

**THY ROD AND STAFF THEY COMFORT ME.**
The rod is Truth and the Staff is forgiveness. They bring me to the edge of the chasm of life and allow me to look over the rim, but they sustain me from jumping into the beckoning river. The Truth of everlasting life is shown me and the Blessed knowledge that while I was paying for my transgressions, my abominable waste of the most precious gift....that of time!....was forgiven me and even that cannot impede my progress into oneness with the God of the Universe. I am free because He sustained me with His Truth and challenged me with His Forgiveness: that I might find it in myself to treat others as I would have them treat me! And I found it....this elusive gift of peace. I was dead! but with poise and tranquility I sought the best of which I was capable and by the toils of many years, I am now ALIVE!

## Spiritualism, Continued

They also have the ability to retain their relationship and converse with those who remain on the physical plane; thus the two spheres of the ever-present eternity are united. There is no separateness in God's universe, hence there is removed all fear of death and separation from the hearts and minds of those remaining on the earth plane.

Spiritualism further teaches that there is nothing true but continual change and that man is constantly progressing or retrogressing, for there is no standstill. To find happiness he must adjust himself to meet the everpresent changes going on within him and about him. He, being part of the All, cannot be lost. He is not born in sin; he came into physical world for a purpose and hence is personally responsible, making his own happiness or unhappiness as he obeys or disobeys natural law, which is God's law.

**To be Continued**

## What Our Readers Say

Dear Sirs:
Have read your magazine for the past year. It is an excellent one. Good quality. I sincerely enjoy it. Best wishes for its continued success.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Virginia Beesley
Beverly, MA

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## Prayers of Black Eagle

**Dear Lord, for this day** and its blessings, I am grateful. While I am asleep, through Thy love, my body and mind will be cleansed, revivified, and made strong. I shall awaken in the morning of the new day, happy, confident, Knowing that I am under Thy protection and guidance. Dear Lord, may all my efforts during the new day be pleasing unto Thee. May all with whom I come in contact be blessed and made Happy.

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## Prayer for Spiritual Healing

**With explanation by Rev. Robert J. MacDonald**

I ask the great Unseen Healing Force
To remove all obstructions
From my mind and body
And to restore me to perfect health.
I ask this in all sincerity and honesty
And I will do my part.
I ask this great Unseen Healing Force
To help both present and absent ones
Who are in need of help
And to restore them to perfect health.
I put my trust
In the Love and Power of God.

**This is a request, a supplication,** a **psychic demand,** all in one, and the one who asks, whether he be the patient or the Healing Practitioner, must recognize how vital is this first step in the direction of health.

**Health, physical, mental and spiritual,** is but the proper adjustment of the body, soul, spirit. When this adjustment is disturbed, even in a small degree, then ill health is the result. When ill health is present, the first and main search must be for the cause of the disease, which may be deeply hidden and unsuspected.

**The Healing Practitioner, student or patient** must strive to uncover this hidden cause. Call upon the Great Unseen Healing Force in Prayer, and with true honesty, that Peace and a healing balance may be re-established.

## The Law of Analogy. . .

**By John Thurman**

**One of the most powerful tools** available to man in the expansion of awareness is the Law of Analogy. Have you ever wondered about the great Being whose physical body the Earth is? Ancient philosophers called the indwelling life of a planet or star a Logos. Our physical bodies and brains are made of earth. In this way (and in many others) each of us is an integral part of the great being called the Planetary Logos of Earth.

**The microcosm is related** to the macrocosm, and conversely, thru the ancient Hermetic aphorism, "As above, so below; as below, so above." Just as the human brain is made up of a large number of sentient responsive cells, so is each human brain a sentient responsive cell in the brain of the planetary Diety. And just as the brain of an individual is the medium whereby the higher self may organize and direct activity of its physical plane instrument, so humanity is intended to be the medium of certain physical plane activities planned by the Planetary Logos.

**When quiescence** has been achieved by the individual, he can become the medium of expression for the plans and purposes of the soul, transmitting its ideas via the mind to the physical brain. So the Planetary Logos, working under the inspiration of Universal Mind, can impress humanity, individual by individual, with the purposes of God, and produce consequent effects in the world of phenomena. Without quiescence, a cell cannot be impressed from above. And yet, true quiescence is rooted in impression from above. The mass of men are like the millions of unused brain cells which the psychologists and scientists tell us we possess but do not employ. The mystics and aspirants of the race represent those brain cells which are beginning to fall into the larger Divine Rhythm. The Guides of the Race represent those cells who have achieved peace and quiescence, and can be accurately impressed. Do you see how the analogy holds both with respect to the individual and his brain, and the Planetary Logos and his brain?

**To be Continued**


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## My Brothers Need

by Shirley M. Burgdorf

Lord, keep me pure in mind and deed
that I may serve my brothers need.
Help me serve Thee at my best
that all of earth is truly blessed.
Let me fill the earth with light
that the lost and lonely receive their sight.
Let me touch my brothers heart
with the love divine Thou dos't impart.
Keep me strong and faithful-true
that I may help as is my due.
Help me in Thy ways untold
to usher in the Age of Gold.

## Lest We Forget

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## Mediumship Explained

**Mediums, as intermediaries, have enabled spirit people to comfort the sad and encourage the weak; to relieve the doubter and console the bereaved; to confirm the old-world traditions regarding bygone spirit intervention and revelation, and supplement our hopes and intuitions with proof palpable.**

Present-day experiences of inspiration and spirit manifestation make credible and acceptable many things in ancient records which must otherwise have been discarded as superstitious and false. Spiritualism redeems the so-called "supernatural" and miraculous occurrences of the Bible, by explaining them and proving their naturalness. The capability claimed for old-time seers and prophets to see angels and hear voices is now known to be a natural faculty, which in certain people, is perfectly normal, while it can be induced in others by the influence of operators in or out of the body. It can also be cultivated to some degree by most people who care to study the subject and provide the necessary conditions for its development and exercise.

The famine, "not of bread, nor of water, but of hearing words from the Lord," and the loss of the "open vision" of the spirit, which afflicted Christendom for so many years ( because of the blind intolerance of zealots who, in their adherence to the "letter," crushed out the sensitives through whom the "spirit" might have been revealed), that famine is rapidly passing away, and we are being fed with the living bread of spiritual inspiration, and are growing strong enough to welcome the messengers who come to us through the gateway of mediumship from their after-death home.

**To be Continued**

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## A Catechism of Spiritual Philosophy

By W. J. Colville

**Q. Do thought-forms travel in the atmosphere?**

A. They certainly do, and they often so closely resemble the persons who project them that they are true photographs; they are also frequently correct representations of ideas which we hold tenaciously.

**Q. Can clairvoyance be cultivated?**

A. Assuredly it can be, especially by concentration upon some place, person, or object with whom or which we desire to come into close mental contact.

**Q. What are favorable times for developing clairvoyance?**

A. Whenever we feel restful and disposed to turn our attention away from external objects and meditate upon spiritual themes.

**Q. Can we develop clairvoyance in broad daylight?**

A. Easily and beneficially in many instances. In order to do so, whenever climate is suitable, it is well to sit comfortably out of doors, under a tree preferably, with back to the light.

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**FROM FIRE MIST TO MAN** By Andrew Jackson Davis

### Inorganic Evolution

**Divine Plan of Causation**

**Such is deeply impressed** upon my spirit as the far shadow of the Divine plans and celestial Contemplations of the Great First Cause, previous to the creation of man and the elaboration of the present illimitable universe. And immediately subsequent to this concurrence of plans and decisions in the wisdom-chamber of the Supernal Mind, were rolled forth into the sublime depths of infinity an endless chain of the magnificent orbs--suns of immeasurable magnitude and unutterable grandeur. And in like manner circle after circle of suns were unfolded from out the deep bosom of the previous seas of unorganized materials. And thus the universe was organized and spread throughout the innumerable realms of boundless infinitude.

But for what purpose were all these suns, planets and satellites unfolded? What use was this universe of moving orbs to subserve? Why create them at all? Because the great attribute of Omnipotence, in accordance with immutable principles of being and doing hath said that, "Man shall be created through the mediums and instrumentalities of countless suns and planets, and also through the regular and harmonious development of minerals, vegetables and animals."

From the Divine revealments we must draw the following conclusions:

(1) That the stupendous universe is organized for the ultimate purpose of developing and organizing Man.

(2) That the anatomical and physiological constructions of Man are designed to receive and elaborate the animating elements of Nature into an endlessly progressive and immortal soul.

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